

## Mary Newell

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**From:** Marc Shelton  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2010 11:30 AM  
**To:** Bob Andrews; Terry Mahr; Dawn Wilson; Mary Newell  
**Cc:** Brian Casey; Paul Chiu  
**Subject:** RE: Terry, did Councilor Shelton get back w/you on this and indicate when he might have time to send a letter? FW: Traffic Safety-Commission Parking on Sheridan

Thanks, Bob and Terry for bringing this forward to the Traffic Safety Commission meeting on Monday night. Since the Mayor will be attending, I will just share my concern in an email. I know Robert Soppe has weighed in on the issue of parking on both sides of the 700-800 blocks of Sheridan in a recent editorial in The Graphic, and suggested one solution may be to control the traffic pattern with one-way signage - my concern is that this would be the only one way residential street that I am aware of in the City (other than 99W traffic on Hancock and First between River and the Dairy Queen).

My concern was originally with the traffic flow for property safety that included broken side mirrors as vehicles clipped cars trying to avoid oncoming cars - including buses from the School District, parked cars getting backed into as others were exiting driveways, and restricted access for emergency vehicles due to navigating narrow streets. Other streets in District 1 allow for parking on both sides of the street, but aren't as narrow as this Sheridan portion. This problem was exacerbated when the commercial property expanded on the corner of Meridian and Sheridan to replace the Green home. However, recent accidents at College/Sheridan, including the young bicyclist, renewed my interest in finding a solution for this 2-block section. As I stated in council business, increased traffic on Hancock and First has caused Sheridan to be the route of choice for people to access or exit the GFU campus to cross to College or to points West without navigating the stop lights on that section of the 99W.

This is also not as much of an issue during the summer months or during the Tunes on Tuesday as councilor McKinney mentioned in our council discussion, but it is a concern for a good portion of the year. I do not assume that the only solution is one-side parking or one-way traffic flow, but appreciate the time that the Commission takes to improve visibility and traffic flow to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. It should not be based on convenience for resident parking, but it is time to come up with a solution for public safety in this part of District 1. (Dr. Bump and the old hospital is long gone, but we need a solution to prevent increased use of the new hospital or having to call in life flight.)

Thanks for the investment of time for your work on the Commission, Marc